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MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE STIMULUS PLAN AND QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROGRAM FUNDING

The purpose of this memo is twofold. The first is to provide an update on the Los Angeles County Workforce Stimulus Plan, also known as the 10,000 Jobs Initiative, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The June 9, 2009 motion by Supervisor Knabe instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back on a monthly basis as to the progress in implementing the Initiative. This status update includes specific information on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF) awarded to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth grant awarded to the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board, which is managed by the Department of Community and Senior Services.

Further, this memo addresses the June 23, 2009 motion by Supervisor Knabe, which instructed the CEO and DPSS to report to the Board on a quarterly basis with information on the TANF ECF program's use of funding and to examine how Community Colleges can be used to advance or enhance the prospects of the program.

The 10,000 Jobs Initiative is on target and moving forward towards our goal. To date, 8,995 individuals have been enrolled in the program.

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TANF ECF Update

From April 27, 2009 to December 15, 2009, 3,138 participants were enrolled in the Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) Program administered by DPSS, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, and their 38 subcontracted WorkSource Centers and placement agencies. There are 1,009 participants placed in County departments at more than 117 work sites.

WIA Youth Grant – Summer Youth Employment Program

From May 1, 2009 to December 17, 2009, the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board WIA/ARRA Youth contractors have placed 5,857 youth in work experience placements. Of that number, 422 are current or former foster youth, 1,503 reside in a CalWORKs household and 477 are Probation youth. The remaining youth come from low-income families and have barriers to employment.

TANF ECF Program Funding

The June 23, 2009 Board motion allowed the City of Hawthorne to receive advance payment to cover operational and administrative costs, estimated at one-twelfth of the total contract amount, which is \$13.3 million. Given that implementation of the program required a ramp-up period, it was determined that the amount advanced to the City of Hawthorne could be lower than originally projected. On July 20, 2009, the City of Hawthorne received an advance payment of \$3 million, and on September 17, 2009, a second advance was issued in the amount of \$7.2 million, for a total advance payment of \$10.2 million. The City of Hawthorne has billed the County \$2.8 million for TSE services.

On November 10, 2009, the California Legislature granted the California Department of Social Services the budgetary authority to distribute approximately \$35 million in TANF ECF awards to counties for subsidized employment programs serving CalWORKs and other needy families. Los Angeles County received our first advance from the State Controller's Office for \$15.7 million.

Community College Involvement

The Community Colleges continue to be a vital source in providing work experience and job skills to DPSS participants through the Work Study in Public Agencies (WSPA) program. Unfortunately, due to pending work study funding guidelines from the State on the usage of the ARRA funds for Work Study students, effective September 30, 2009, DPSS was forced to suspend the WSPA program. Fortunately,

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the 333 students enrolled in WSPA have been enrolled in the regular TSE Program. The transfer was administrative and did not disrupt the participants or work sites.

DPSS continues to collaborate with the local Community Colleges, encouraging their participation as TSE work sites. Currently, five local community colleges are contracted TSE work sites - East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles Valley College, Mission College, El Camino College and Mt. San Antonio College. In addition, the following Community Colleges are engaged in the contracting process - Antelope Valley College, Glendale Community College and the El Camino College Compton Center.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know or your staff may contact Jenny Serrano at (213) 974-4171, or via e-mail at jserrano@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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